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New York

President:	Mr. Moraes Cabral	(Portugal)
Members:	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr. Vukašinović
	Brazil	Mr. Fernandes
	China	Ms. Guo Xiaomei
	Colombia	Mr. Quintana
	France	Mrs. Le Fraper du Hellen
	Gabon	Mr. Messone
	Germany	Mr. Eick
	India	Mr. Vinay Kumar
	Lebanon	Mr. Karanouh
	Nigeria	Mr. Amieyeofori
	Russian Federation	Mr. Karev
	South Africa	Mr. Crowley
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. McKell
	United States of America	Mr. Simonoff

Agenda

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2011/452, S/2011/453 and S/2011/454)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: May I take it that the Council is ready to proceed to an eighth ballot? I request the Conference Officer to distribute the ballot papers.

At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Onanga (Gabon) and Mrs. Aguwa (Nigeria) acted as tellers.

The President: Members of the Council should place an "X" in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote. I would like to remind members of the Council that only those candidates whose names appear on the ballot papers are eligible for election and that ballots containing votes for more than one candidate will be considered invalid.

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The President: I take it that all the members of the Council have now voted and I ask the Conference Officer to collect the ballot papers.

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The President: All the ballot papers have been collected. I should like to remind Council members that in accordance with the established practice, the ballots will not be counted until it has been verified that the ballot papers in the General Assembly have also been collected. The Council will remain in session pending the receipt of that information.

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The President: I have now been informed that the ballot papers have been collected in the General Assembly. The counting of the ballots in the Security Council will now begin. The tellers will now count the ballots. As agreed in our consultations, there will be two independent countings of the ballots, one by each teller. I should like to remind Council members that, in accordance with established practice, I shall wait for the General Assembly to complete its count before I announce the results of the voting in the Security Council. The Council will remain in session.

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The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	15
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	15
Number of abstentions:	0
Required majority:	8
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Abdul G. Koroma	8
Ms. Julia Sebutinde	7

I should like to inform the members of the Council that I have received from the President of the General Assembly the following letter:

> "I have the honour to inform you that, at the 66th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, held today for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice, the following candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly: Ms. Julia Sebutinde."

Accordingly, no candidate has received the required absolute majority of votes in the Council and in the General Assembly. As fewer than five candidates have received the required absolute majority of votes in both the Council and the General Assembly, the Council shall proceed to a ninth ballot for the remaining vacancy, in accordance with Article 11 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice. However, I have been informed by the President of the General Assembly that, due to the lateness of the hour, the Assembly will adjourn its meeting and the ninth ballot will be scheduled for a date to be announced later. May I suggest that the Security Council follow the same procedure?

There being no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.